

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 874
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kathryn Victoria
Parsons, 2006 Co-Valedictorian of Sevier
County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Victoria Parsons is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kathryn Parsons has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Kathryn Parsons has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, participated in Tennessee Girls State, and attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Oak Ridge National Lab; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader among her peers who was selected for the Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership pilot program, Kathryn served as President of the Key Club, Vice President of the National BETA Club, Co-President of the Interact Club, Treasurer of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a Freshman Senator of the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman award, Kathryn Parsons won numerous class awards during her high school career, including the Combined Studies English III-Honors, American History, Spanish II, Trigonometry, AP Government, Geometry, Combined Studies English II, Spanish I, Combined Studies Ancient History, Algebra II-Honors, Biology I-

Honors, World Geography, English I-Honors, and Computer Applications, in addition to being the High School winner for the United States Senate Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary student and Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Ms. Parsons was a member of the Scholars Bowl team, listed on the Straight "A" Honor Roll, and appeared in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, an avid hiker and sports enthusiast, Kathryn Parsons was a member of the tennis team, the basketball team and the varsity soccer team at Sevier County High School. Serving as Captain of the soccer team in 2005, she was named Best Defensive player in 2002 and earned All-District Honorable Mention honors; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Ms. Parsons's many good works include activities to support an array of charitable organizations, including the March of Dimes, Race for the Cure, Sevierville Food Ministries, Knoxville Children's Hospital, and Second Harvest Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, earning an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Ms. Parsons's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Roy and Julie Parsons, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Parsons's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Sevier County High School Co-Valedictorian, Kathryn Victoria Parsons, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.